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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: VISIT BY MALLINCKRODT OFFICIAL GARFEN

REF: STATE 180005

1. DR. CHARLES O. GERFEN OF MALLINCKRODT CAME THROUGH THE EMBASSY AFTER SPENDING THE DAY CONVERSING WITH NARCOTICS COMMISSIONER SONALKAR AND OTHER GOI OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH NARCOTICS. GERFEN HAD A FRE(, COMPREHENSIVE DISCUSSION WITH CHARGE, ECON COUNSELLOR, DEA REP LORENZ, AND OTHER EMBOFFS THAT HELPED CLARIFY EMBASSY APPRAISAL OF MARKET SITUATION.

2. MAIN POINTS BOUGHT OUT IN GERFEN MEETING WERE GOI'S PLANS TO INCREASE OPIUM PRODUCTION TO 1100 TONS IN 1974 (THOUGH THIS TARGET UNLIKELY TO BE REACHED) FROM THIS YEARS'S DROUGHT-DEPRESSED 830 TON FIGURE, AND MALLINCKRODT DESIRE TO PURCHASE MAXIMUM THE GOI COULD PROVIDE BECAUSE OF A SIGNIFICANT COMPANY SHORTFALL OF RAW MATERIAL. GERFEN FOREWAW STEADY INCREASE IN US DEMAND FOR OPIATES WELL INTO THE FUTURE, WITH NO END TO WORLDWIDE OPIUM SHORTAGE UNLESS USG RELAXES ITS PRESENT RESTRICTIVE POLICIES TOWARD INCREASE IN LEGAL OPIUM PRODUCTION. GERFEN ALSO EXPLAINED ECONOMIES OF POPPY STRAW PROCESSING, WITH EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH PROFITS TO DRUG COMPANY IMPORTERS, EVEN AFTER BULK SHIPPING CHARGES.

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